



PROGRESS REPORT NO. 77

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RE: Upper Columbia River (UCR) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
(RI/FS) - Progress Report No. 77 Month Ending November 2012

Pursuant to Paragraph 39 of the June 2, 2006 Settlement Agreement (Agreement), the following is intended to provide a summary of activities completed during the past month in compliance with the aforementioned Agreement. It is also intended to provide a brief summary of pending and on-going activities.

EPA and TAI continue to cooperatively review and draft resolution language associated with the September 2012 dispute. It is anticipated that final language will be attained in the near future, and that a revised quality assurance project plan for the Phase 2 Sediment Study submitted for review and approval within a mutually agreeable timeframe thereafter.

The draft final fish tissue data summary report (April 2012) is being revised based on comments received on the 26th of November. Consistent with an electronic correspondence as received on the 6th of December, a final version of the aforementioned data summary report is due to EPA no later than January 2, 2013. Similarly, a draft data summary report for white sturgeon sediment toxicity testing is due on or before the 2nd of January 2013.

TAI received an EPA Technical Team level of effort for soil sampling and analysis on the 26th of November. TAI will review the level of effort and if necessary seek clarification prior to drafting a quality assurance project plan. Similarly, a level of effort for the Bossburg Flats Area has been received. At this time, additional information is needed (e.g., sample location coordinates, electronic data files) before the information can be thoroughly considered and evaluated.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 509-623-4585.